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(b) whether it is a fact that the Government have formulated a scheme to improve its condition and when ; and

(c) if the answer is in the affirmative, why that scheme has not yet been put into execution ?

A.—The Government have no information.

MR. MUHAMMAD YAHYA ALI SAHIB :—“ Will the Government be pleased to furnish an answer to clauses (b) and (c) of question No. 255 ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ The answer given ought to have been to question No. 255 (b) ; and it has been taken for granted that the Government have not been made aware of any such inconvenience that it might be remedied.”

*The Patha-Cuddapah tank.*

256 Q.—MR. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Patha-Cuddapah tank, one of the biggest irrigation tanks in the district of Cuddapah fed by the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal, is so badly silted up that its storage capacity has been reduced by more than half ;

(b) whether the Government have received any memorial on the subject ; and

(c) if so, what action the Government propose to take thereon ?

A.—(a) & (b) The answer is in the negative.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is in this connexion drawn to the answer to question No. 131.

*Irrigation projects.*

257 Q.—MR. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) the names of irrigation projects which have been under consideration during the last 25 years ;

(2) how many of them were carried out and the cost of each ; and

(3) how many were given up and for what reasons ?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the Report on Irrigation Projects by Mr. F. E. Morgan, Executive Engineer, Projects division, which was placed on the Council Table. If details are required on any specific project, they will be furnished.

*The bigger channels in the Trichinopoly district.*

258 Q.—MR. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the amount of expenditure incurred in regard to the bigger channels in the Trichinopoly district for the last five years under the following heads :—

(a) names of the channels,

(b) repair charges for korambu,

(c) silt clearance, and

(d) masonry and other works along the courses of the channels ?